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Honorable Denise Moreno Ducheny, Chair  
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

Attention: Mr. Danny Alvarez, Staff Director (2)

Honorable John Laird, Chair  
Assembly Budget Committee

Attention: Mr. Christopher W. Woods, Chief Consultant (2)

**Amendment to Government Code Sections 85802 and 83122, Support, Fair Political Practices Commission**

It is requested that Government Code Sections 85802 and 83122 be increased by \$57,000 and \$409,000 respectively, to reverse the proposed Budget Balancing Reduction for the two statutory appropriations. These statutory appropriations were created by the voters through an initiative process related to the Political Reform Act. As such, we do not have the authority to reduce the appropriations without the approval of the voters.

The effect of my requested action is reflected on the attachment.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Robin Baker, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-8913.

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Director  
By:

/s/ Vincent P. Brown

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cc: Honorable Tom Torlakson, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
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Honorable Dennis Hollingsworth, Vice Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review  
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Attention: Mr. Seren Taylor, Staff Director  
Honorable Mark Leno, Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
Attention: Mr. Geoff Long, Chief Consultant  
Honorable Roger Niello, Vice Chair, Assembly Budget Committee  
Attention: Mr. Peter Schaafsma, Staff Director  
Honorable Michael Machado, Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee No. 4  
Honorable Juan Arambula, Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4  
Ms. Elizabeth Hill, Legislative Analyst (4)  
Ms. Diane Cummins, Senate President pro Tempore's Office  
Mr. Craig Cornett, Assembly Speaker's Office (2)  
Mr. Ivan Altamura, Chief of Staff, Assembly Republican Leader's Office  
Mr. Michael Salerno, Executive Director, Fair Political Practices Commission  
Ms. Tina Bass, Deputy of Administration, Fair Political Practices Commission  
Ms. Jennifer Clark, Budget Officer, Fair Political Practices Commission



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**Amendment to Budget Bill Item 8855-001-0001, Support, Bureau of State Audits**

It is requested that Item 8855-001-0001 be increased by \$1,628,000 to reverse the proposed Budget Balancing Reduction for the Bureau of State Audits (Bureau). The Bureau is concerned that this reduction would call into question their independent status. While the Department of Finance does not agree that the proposed across-the-board reduction in any way interferes with the independent status of the Bureau, we are reversing the proposed reduction to ensure there are no issues with their federal standing or funding.

The effect of my requested action is reflected on the attachment.

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Ms. Kim Anderson, Deputy of Administration, Bureau of State Audits  
Ms. Ana Clark, Budget Officer, Bureau of State Audits